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SUBJECT: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MALTA

1. IGY SUMMARY. THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER PAID A TWO-DAY VISIT TO MALTA AT THE END OF A EUROPEAN TOUR.

END SUMMARY.

2. RD CHINA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, QIAN QIYI, VISITED MALTA FROM MARCH 3 TO 10 AT THE END OF A SEVEN-NATION EUROPEAN TOUR. DURING HIS STAY, QIAN CALLED ON MALTA'S PRESIDENT, CENSU TSIECHE, PRIME MINISTER EDDIE FELUCH ADAMI, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA, GUIDO DE MARCO. QIAN INVITED EACH OF THEM TO VISIT CHINA. DE MARCO HAD INVITED QIAN TO VISIT MALTA WHEN THEY MET AT THE UNGA IN NEW YORK.

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6. (C) COMMENT. QIAN'S VISIT TO MALTA WAS AN UNDERSTANDABLE ADD-ON TO A EUROPEAN VISIT, EVEN IF THERE WAS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF TANGIBLE RESULTS. CHINA MAINTAINS A SIZEABLE MISSION IN MALTA, SEEMINGLY SOMETHING OF A LEPTOON FROM THE COLD WAR. THE CHINESE HAVE A SMALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENGAGED IN BUILDING A BREAKWATER -- AGAIN, A SMALL RESIDUAL FROM PREVIOUS LARGE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.

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